



## Hizbollah gains ground in S. Lebanon fighting

SIDON (AP) — Fighters of Hizbollah (Party of God) wrested five key villages from the Amal militia in a dawn offensive in South Lebanon Sunday.

At least four combatants were killed and 50 people were wounded in house-to-house fighting in the villages of Kfar Hatta, Kfar Melki, Kfar Beit, Kfar Filla and Juba in the Iqlim Al Tufah, police reported.

This raises to 37 dead and 144 wounded the overall casualties since New Year's eve when the fresh outbreak of fighting between the Hizbollah and Amal erupted in Beirut and South Lebanon.

Mohammad Hammoud, Amal's top commander in Iqlim Al Tufah, and his brother Ahmad, were among those killed Sunday. Police said they died in their beds when the Hamoun residence in Kfar Melki was attacked with grenades.

Six rescuers — three from Lebanon's Red Cross and three from the civil defence department — plus a policeman were wounded by crossfire.

Hospitals sources in Sidon, the provincial capital of South Lebanon, said they believed the casualty toll was higher than the police figures.

"Emergency wards in three Sidon hospitals and two others in nearby towns are overflowing with casualties," said a hospital spokesman in Sidon, who requested anonymity. "We are sending serious cases to Beirut."

Police said the attack was mounted by hundreds of masked Hizbollahis who captured the five

nisation (PLO) offered to deploy its fighters to separate the warring groups.

The PLO, which maintains ties with Hizbollah, concluded a peace pact with Amal last month to end their years of warfare for control of Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut and South Lebanon.

"PLO forces are ready to deploy to stop the current bloodshed," said the PLO representative in Sidon, Zaid Wahbeh.

"I appeal to brethren in Amal and Hizbollah to respond to this initiative, especially since the Israeli enemy is preparing a large-scale aggression on South Lebanon," Wahbeh added.

There was no response from either side to his plea.

Sunday's assault marked a major Hizbollah comeback since Amal evicted the fundamentalists from South Lebanon in a four-day crackdown last April, in fierce fighting that left 62 dead and 150 wounded.

Hizbollah retaliated in May, driving Amal out of most of Beirut's Shi'ite-populated southern slums in a three-week bloodbath in which 286 people were killed and nearly 1,000 wounded.

Syria sent 4,500 troops into the slums to stop the fighting on May 21, 1988.

But Amal and Hizbollah clashed again in November in six days of street battles in the slums, as well as in residential districts of west Beirut that left 40 people dead and 87 wounded.

The current round of fighting broke out in Beirut's southern slums Dec. 31 and spread to South Lebanon a day later.

"If Nabatiyah falls to Hizbollah, the fundamentalists will be in control of most of South Lebanon's inland territory," he added.

"They will be able to link the south to their main stronghold in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and trap Amal fighters along the Mediterranean coast with their backs to the sea," the spokesman said.

Amal said in a statement that Hizbollah has brought in hundreds of fighters from the Bekaa to stage Sunday's attack. It added that Amal reinforcements were sent from the southern port of Tyre to mount a counter-attack.

The two factions have long been vying for control of the one million Shi'ites who make up the largest single sect among Lebanon's four million inhabitants.

The Palestine Liberation Orga-

## Arab newspapers accuse U.S. of hypocrisy

NICOSIA (R) — Arab newspapers Sunday accused the United States of hypocrisy for criticising Libya over chemical weapons while it and its allies possessed their own.

"We... do not belittle the danger of chemical, nuclear or other weapons and realise the threat their possession entails, but this does not need to blind us to the other side of the issue," the Qatari magazine said.

Saudi Arabia's Al Riyadh newspaper praised an international conference in Paris called to try to enforce a ban on the use of chemical weapons.

"But these products cannot be controlled as long as the strongest nations are not bound by compulsory laws," it said.

The United States says Libya

is building a chemical weapons plant and has not ruled out military action against it. Libya says the plant will make only medicines.

The Kuwaiti daily Al Rai Al Aam said it hoped the international community would agree in principle to destroy chemical weapons, out merely ban their use.

"It is not acceptable that the United States threaten... (Lybian leader) Colonel (Muammar) Qadhafi and make the security and sovereignty of an independent Arab state a military target while it deals with a stick glove with its (own) chemi-

cal factories and those of its European allies," the paper said.

"The Paris conference on chemical weapons must be turned into a trial of those who would make themselves guardians of small nations and act in a way showing foolishness and superiority."

Qatar's English-language daily Gulf Times called for a ban on production of chemical weapons in all countries and for an international monitoring system to enforce it.

"Pulling the danger up by the roots isn't accomplished by military strikes or by prevent-

ing one or several countries in particular from owing the weapons," it said.

In the United Arab Emirates, Dabat's Al Bayan newspaper said the United States had the loudest voice at the conference.

"No one defends terrorism... (but) America escapes from the charge of practising official terror against an entire country," Al Bayan said.

Abu Dhabi's Al Fajr newspaper said: "The United States manufactured the problem of the Libyan medicines factory as part of a wide campaign to accuse the Arabs of terrorism."

## U.S.-Libya row casts cloud on Tunis talks

BEIRUT (R) — Arab League ministers meeting in Tunis this week to find solutions to the Lebanese crisis are unlikely to make progress, political sources said Sunday.

"The meeting of foreign ministers in Tunis is bound to be taken up more with the Libyan incident than Lebanon's troubles," said one source in west Beirut.

Arab countries have bitterly criticised the United States for shooting down two Libyan MiGs four days ago in what Tripoli said was a prelude to a full-scale attack. Washington said its pilots acted in self-defence.

"We doubt the meeting will contribute to solving the crisis," said a Lebanese politician. "Regional struggles will torpedo any chances of Arab League help to end the problem."

Lebanon has two governments — a military administration headed by army commander Michel Aoun and a civilian cabinet.

Lebanon's rival administrations have each sent messages to the Arab League, each adopting a very different approach to the country's awesome problems.

Lebanon's ambassador to the Arab League, Suleiman Farah, will represent his country at Wednesday's talks.

Official sources said Aoun had asked Farah to return to Lebanon for consultations ahead of the meeting, but Farah had told Beirut he was ill and unable to travel.

Political sources said Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz held talks in Damascus last week in an attempt to persuade Syria to help forge an Arab consensus on Lebanon.

"It is not yet clear whether any agreement was reached," said a source.

Syria has about 25,000 troops in Lebanon. Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad visited Saudi Arabia last month.

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### Arafat urges Bush to pressure Israel



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— The creation of a Palestinian provisional government was still under study by the PLO Executive Committee and the committee was assuming the responsibility of such a government until one is formed.

The provisional government will be made up of Palestinian personalities inside and outside the occupied territories in addition to some Palestinian personalities in Lebanon.

— The PLO has received a request from Netouri Carta, an orthodox Jewish sect whose members believe the creation of the state of Israel is a violation of

Jewish laws, to have their own representative in the Palestinian government.

"I am sympathetic to this subject, but the decision will have to be a collective one."

— The PLO has information that Israel had drawn up a "war scenario" targeted against Palestinian presence in Tyre and Sidon in South Lebanon.

Arafat voted satisfaction over an agreement reached between the PLO and the Amal militia in South Lebanon and called Amal and its rival Hizbollah to settle their differences quickly. He offered the PLO's good offices towards that end. "I call on Amal and Hizbollah to resolve their differences so that all of us can confront the coming Israeli aggression," he said. "We in the PLO are ready to provide any help in ending the conflict between Amal and Hizbollah."

Arafat left Amman later Sunday. He was seen off by Prime Minister Rifai, cabinet members and senior Jordanian and PLO officials.

Palestinian sources said Arafat had received an official invitation from Cypriot President George Vassiliou to pay a state visit to Cyprus, which has extended full recognition to the newly proclaimed Palestinian state. The sources said Arafat accepted the invitation and the visit would be made on a date to be decided later.

Kuwait announced Sunday it is upgrading the PLO office and will donate land and a building for an embassy of the State of Palestine, the AP reported.

The acting minister of state for cabinet affairs, Nasser Al Roudan, said the plot and construction costs would be "a gift from the people of Kuwait to the brother people of Palestine on the occasion of the establishment of their state."

Arafat has already hoisted the Palestinian flag over the embassies in Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Amman, and laid foundation stones for new premises to go up in Baghdad and Abu Dhabi.

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### Last respects to Hirohito

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Hirohito's son, will be delayed until the end of a one-year mourning period, although he automatically became emperor the moment Hirohito died.

On Monday, in one of his first acts as emperor, Akihito is to conduct the "sokuso-choken-no-gi," his first official audience with representatives of the three branches of government and other prominent citizens.

#### Suicides

A second devotee of Hirohito has hanged himself, saying he wanted to follow his monarch into the afterlife, police said

Sunday. They said 76-year-old former naval midshipman Yoshiichi Terunuma hanged himself from a tree in a forest near Katsuta City north of Tokyo Saturday, soon after Hirohito's death was announced.

He left a note in his pocket which said: "Pardon me for accompanying (you) as a soldier, a trusted retainer of the great marshal, the emperor."

On Saturday, a war veteran, at 87 the same age as Hirohito, hanged himself in the southern prefecture of Wakayama and left a suicide note saying: "I will follow His Majesty on his death."

### Uprising leaders condemn killing

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last Thursday in the West Bank was killed by Palestinian nationalists, Israel Radio said. His death raises to 15 the number of Israelis killed in the uprising.

Shmuel Edri, 42, was shot twice in the chest near the Jewish settlement of Yakir, 40 kilometres north of Jerusalem. Police found footprints of two people leading from the car to the village of Bani Hassan, the radio said.

The army ordered five Gaza

refugee camps placed under curfew because of Sunday's strike, confining at least 150,000 Palestinians to their homes indefinitely. The strike and curfews kept tens of thousands of Palestinians from going to jobs in Israel.

The strike, which stopped public transportation and closed all businesses and schools, was called by the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising.

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However, officials refused to allow journalists out of the buses into the building and did not drive close to the buildings until after nightfall Saturday. The buses came about 20 metres from the unit plant buildings and did not stop.

Thousands of civilians, including women and children, were camped near the plant Saturday night to protect it from a barbed-wire ridge overlooking the highway and two surface-to-air missile sites.

Some tanks and an encampment of soldiers could be seen nearby.

One unidentified Libyan official said the radar, soldiers and air defence batteries were put in place after U.S. President Ronald Reagan said last month that the United States was considering military action to destroy the plant.

Ali Ibrahim, the man identified as manager of the factory, said it was a pharmaceutical plant and said no foreign contractors were involved. The Reagan administration shot down two Libyan fighters over 110 kilometres off Libya.

The government had promised the three busloads of reporters a tour of "Pharma 150," which it says will make medicine when the plant is completed.

One Libyan official said fore-

igners could not have an inside tour because well-known companies had been involved in the factory's construction and the firms did not want to be subject to sanctions.

The visit to the plant appeared designed to give reporters a chance to see the crowds that Libyan officials said were gathered along the road to protect the factory.

In lamp-lit tents some 400 metres from the main buildings, people were sitting on the floor, chanting and waving their clenched fists.

One secondary school student said he had come with 150 classmates in buses to Rabta.

Chemistry teacher Taher Mansour said he came to Rabta most nights. "Why doesn't the United States want us to develop? Why do they pick on us?" he said.

A large number of cars and vans were parked along the road, along with at least a dozen empty buses.

"We're standing up to Reagan's call to attack," said Ahmir Mohammad, an agriculture ministry employee from Tripoli, who said he was staying in the camp.

### Arens presses campaign against U.S.-PLO dialogue

PARIS (Agencies) — The Israeli government told U.S. officials Sunday that the "substantive dialogue" the United States is conducting with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is likely to encourage "violence."

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, at a breakfast meeting in Paris with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, registered his country's disapproval of the sharp shift in U.S. policy towards PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the organisation.

Shultz approved the U.S. decision to end a 13-year ban on formal talks with the PLO after Arafat issued a statement — suggesting by the U.S. State Department — saying he renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist.

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### France to sell planes to Libya

LONDON (AP) — A U.S. official said France is negotiating a secret deal to sell jet fighters to Libya, the Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported Sunday. The respected weekly said the senior official, whom the report did not name, said information of the deal to sell Mirage jet fighters was compiled with the help of European intelligence agencies. He did not name the intelligence agencies but described the information as "bad," the newspaper said.

### 3 Israelis beat up, kidnap Arab

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Police arrested three Israelis who kidnapped and beat up a Palestinian Saturday because they objected to his romance with a Jewish woman, the Itim news agency said. The assailants, two men and a woman, burst into the couple's apartment in a Tel Aviv suburb Saturday morning and started beating the Palestinian man, Itim said. The Jewish woman who was romantically involved with the Arab was a relative of the attackers, the news agency said. Itim did not name any of the parties in the incident. Shortly after the assailants broke in, the young woman escaped and managed to alert a policeman, who gave chase after the assailants' car, Itim said. When the policeman caught up with the retreating vehicle, he found the Palestinian man, aged 29, trapped in the trunk. Police took the beating victim to hospital in Tel Aviv.

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## Rifai visits embassy, condoles Japanese envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Sunday called at the Japanese embassy here and presented his condolences and that of the Jordanian government to Ambassador Makoto Watanabe on the death of Emperor Hirohito.

Rifai expressed his deep grief over the loss of the great leader who, he said, stood out as a symbol for Japan's modern prosperity and great achievements.

He said that the late emperor had played a key role in bolstering Jordano-Japanese ties. The prime minister later signed a register for condolences opened by the embassy on this occasion.

## Ministry completes study on poverty

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Ministry of Social Development has completed a comprehensive study on pockets of poverty in Jordan, and it will publish and distribute copies of the study to all concerned private and public organisations by the end of the coming month, according to an announcement here Sunday.

The announcement said that the study was attached to a report by a technical committee which conducted surveys extensively in different parts of the country to help define the line of poverty and the basic needs for individuals and families.

The ministry, the announcement said, will now translate these needs into financial figures with the help of a World Health Organisation (WHO) report on nutrition and basic needs of families in Jordan, as well as views of organisations that provide assistance to the needy.

In June 1987, the ministry announced that JD 70,000 were allocated for the comprehensive

study on poverty in the Kingdom, and that teams of specialists from the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) and a number of organisations were involved in the study.

In 1982, the Jordan Times published a study by Dr. Jarir Dajani, a professor of infrastructure in planning and management at Stanford University in California.

Dajani served for one year as lecturer at the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University during which he issued the study which revealed that 30 per cent of the population lived below the relative poverty line.

The study indicated that the poorest 30 per cent of the population earned 11.5 per cent of the total income earned in the country and that one fifth of all income was earned by the richest 6.2 per cent of the population.

The study also showed that those classified as living under the poverty line earned less than JD 100 a month.

### NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

**CROWN PRINCE CONDOLES:** His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday delegated his special advisor to convey his condolences to the Khashman family over the death of the late Rajah Al Khashman. (Petra)

**PEOPLE'S ARMY:** The third batch of People's Army recruits in Karak Governorate was graduated Sunday at a graduation held at the Hazz'a Al Majali Hall in Karak. At the end of the celebration, the People's Army commander presented prizes to the excelling graduates. (Petra)

**COMBATING LOCUSTS:** Zarqa Governor Eid Al Qatarnah Sunday discussed with officials from the various departments in the governorate means of combating locusts and drawing up a comprehensive plan for various parts of the region. It was also decided at the meeting, which was attended by heads of municipal councils and departments, that special training courses on fighting locusts be held in the governorate. (Petra)

**KUWAITI STUDENT DELEGATION:** A Kuwaiti student delegation Sunday called at the Ministry of Higher Education where they were briefed by ministry Secretary General Ahmad Bashaireh on the ministry's establishment and activities. The delegation, currently on a visit to Jordan in response to an invitation by the Higher Education Ministry, also visited the University of Jordan. (Petra)

**TRAINING IN AGRICULTURAL SKILLS:** A week-long training course on basic agricultural skills, organised by Madaba Agriculture Department in cooperation with the Regional Centre for Agricultural Research and Transfer of Technology and Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAF), was held Sunday at the Madaba Social Services Centre. Taking part in the course are 20 girls, who will hear lectures on preparation of agricultural projects and organising gardens, inoculation of trees and poultry rearing. (Petra)

**BUDGET PLANNING COURSE:** A three-day training course on budget planning, implementation and designing of projects started Sunday at Mu'ta University. Attending the course are 88 trainees from the municipal and village councils in Karak Governorate. (Petra)

**ART EXHIBITION:** Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh Sunday inaugurated at the Housing Bank Complex, the 10-day plastic art exhibition of the Jordanian artists Mohammad Jamal, Nibal Saleh and Samar Al Sabi'. (Petra)

**POTASH EXPORTS TO INDONESIA:** Arab Potash Company Director General Ali Al Nasur Saturday received Indonesian Ambassador in Amman Dr. Sumaryo Suryokusno. During the meeting, they discussed increasing the size of potash exports to Indonesia. (Petra)

### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ An exhibition of works by Contemporary Arab Artists at Al Wasiti Art Gallery.
- ★ The Iraqi Cultural Week which includes an exhibition by the Iraqi artist Salam Al Madamghet and an exhibition of children's paintings and children's literary and cultural books, at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ An exhibition entitled "New Museum Buildings in the Federal Republic of Germany" at the Yarmouk University — 11:00 a.m.
- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Mohammad Kamal, Samar Al Sabi' and Nibal Saleh at the Housing Bank Gallery.

#### BAZAAR

- ★ A charity bazaar that includes wooden handicrafts, embroidery, artificial flowers, children's toys and cultural books at Al'a Centre, Hittin Refugee Camp.

#### POETRY RECITAL

- ★ A poetry recital by the Jordanian poet Abdul Fattah Elyassat at the Jordanian Writers Federation — 5:30 p.m.

#### FILM

- ★ A video film entitled "Deutschlandspeigel" (The German Scene), in English, at the Goethe Institute — 7:00 p.m.



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Sunday signs the condolences register at the Japanese embassy in Amman during his visit to convey his condolences and that of his government on the death of Emperor Hirohito. (Petra photo)

## Senate speaker receives U.S. delegation

## Lawzi: Exchange of land for peace, Palestinian rights are key to peace

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan considers the Palestine problem as the crux of the Middle East conflict that has existed since 1948 and believes in a just and durable settlement based on the exchange of land for peace and the return of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights and lands, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi said Sunday.

"An international peace conference under U.N. auspices as advocated by Jordan remains the best and most proper means for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict and solving the Palestine problem in a manner that would ensure peace and security for all countries in the region," Lawzi said at a meeting here with a three-member U.S. Congress team.

The Arab Nation's orientation towards peace, he said, came out clearly from the Fez Arab summit meeting held in 1982 calling for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 through an international peace conference that would see a total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories including Arab Jerusalem.

Despite the positive Arab stand, Lawzi noted, Israel has maintained its intransigence and continued to hold on the occupied lands, denying the Palestinian people their legitimate rights.

Referring to the Palestine National Council's recent declaration in Algiers, Lawzi said the declaration, coupled with Palestine Liberation Organisation's leader Yasser Arafat's speech before the U.N. General Assembly in Geneva, were sufficient to explain the Arab position and expose Israel's rejection of all peace bids.

Lawzi called on the congressmen to convey the truth about the situation in the Middle East to the American administration and the U.S. public opinion which can play an instrumental role in supporting peace efforts and implementing U.N. resolutions.

Lawzi spoke about Jordan's parliamentary rule since 1929 and the role of Jordanian parliamentarians in promoting the cause of peace.

Senator Bahjat Tulouni spoke to the congressmen outlining the developments of the Palestine problem since 1948 and underlined the role of the United States in bringing about a just and durable peace to the Middle East.

The leader of the delegation Mary Rose Hawker paid tribute to the U.S.-Jordanian relations and lauded His Majesty King Hussein's stable and moderate policies which have won him the respect of the whole world.

Several house members, who were present at the meeting, took part in a general discussion with the visitors who came to Jordan upon the invitation of the National Council of U.S.-Arab Relations.

The U.S. congressmen were received by Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb at the Armed Forces Headquarters in Amman. They heard a briefing on the country's defence policies and discussed issues of common interest to Jordan and the U.S. Later Sunday the delegation left for Egypt.

## Jordan, Egypt begin 2nd Arab strategic conference in Cairo

CAIRO (Petra) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali Sunday called for mobilising intellectual and political resources in the Arab World to prepare for the future and ensure a stronger position for the Arab citizen.

According to ministry officials Jordan embarked on adult education in 1953 when several evening classes were opened offering free education to those who missed the opportunity of learning when they were young.

It was not until 1965 when the Ministries of Education and Social Development joined forces to launch organised programmes to spread education among illiterates on a large scale.

In a speech before the second Arab strategic conference, which was inaugurated by him on behalf of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Ghali said the change currently taking place in the world is the most dangerous change we have ever experienced since the end of World War II.

Ghali outlined the dangers of military science and technology on international community and the environment.

Also addressing the conference, which is organised by the University of Jordan's Strategic Studies Centre and the Cairo-based Al Ahram Strategic Studies Centre, was University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali who outlined the importance of such a conference as a forum for international understanding between Jordan and other countries.

Majali said in light of the international detente, the issue of the Arab-Israeli conflict, which constitutes the greatest challenge for the Arab order and Arab security, comes to the limelight. Majali called for reformulating the equilibrium to capitalise on the elements of Arab might and to avoid the shortcomings or to neutralise their effects to prevent the enemy from taking that opportunity for its own interests.

Majali pointed out that the task of facing the future challenges is no longer the sole responsibility of governments but also the joint responsibility of official institutions, intellectuals and ulamas (scholars).

Majali said the external environment presents the Arab order with opportunities for development and that the retreat of the cold war has led to easing the competition for the Arab region which has the resources to play a more active international role.

The Jordanian centre's Director General Adnan Al Bakheit also addressed the conference, saying that the Jordanian university experience with Al Ahram Institution serves as incentive to look for other partners in the Arab World to enrich strategic thought and build a solid scientific base.

Khatib added that Jordan, through its active and distinguished role in the contemporary Arab movement since the beginning of this century, has won a special credibility on both the Arab and international scenes.

He added that the challenges facing the Arab World calls for preparation of a detailed plan of action and an executive programme, which provides for the undertaking of research and holding seminars.

President of Al Ahram centre also called for supporting com-

mon Arab work and stressed the need for formulating an integrated Arab strategy.

Taking part in the conference are a number of Jordanian, Egyptian and Arab specialists, and academics, including Public Security Director, General Abdul Hadi Al Majali, University of Mu'ta President Ali Mahafza, secretary general of the Council of Science and Technology and director of the University of Jordan's Strategic Studies Centre.

The Jordanian delegation to the meeting will present four working papers.

**YARMOUK EXHIBITION:** An exhibition on museums in West Germany was opened Saturday at Yarmouk University. The three-week exhibition includes photos depicting types of museums, style, and modern methods of displaying items in West Germany. (Petra)

## PSD seeks those responsible in fatally shooting young man

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Public Security Department (PSD) has appealed to the members of the public to help it discover persons responsible for the killing of 21-year-old Iyad Khaled Badawi with a stray bullet during a wedding ceremony.

Badawi was killed when unidentified persons opened fire in rejoicing during the wedding on Jan. 5, 1989, at Al Wahdat district.

Strict measures are being taken by the PSD upon government orders against those who fire weapons during weddings and other social events and ceremonies, and the PSD has repeatedly appealed to the public to refrain from firing on such occasions to avoid killing or injuring innocent citizens.

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## Hotel honours staff

The Jordan Intercontinental Hotel in Amman honoured its staff of 330 in a traditional new year celebration held at the hotel Saturday. The management presented gifts and awards to the staff members and singled out Ms. Claudia Hanna and Mr. Sami Al Shami as ideal employees for the past year. Senior staff members traditionally served lunch to their juniors during the celebration which also included an entertainment programme. The hotel's General Manager Jubrair Khawam presents Claudia Hanna from the Public Relations Department with a meritorial certificate in recognition of her efforts in 1988. (J.T.)

## Tabbaa, Omani ministers discuss trade cooperation

MUSCAT (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Tabbaa met here Sunday with Omani Deputy Prime Minister and Economy Qais Abdul Munem Al Zawawi to discuss scopes of economic and trade cooperation between Oman and Jordan.

Later Tabbaa met with the ministers of telecommunications and postal affairs to discuss transport and communications matters.

A meeting later with the Omani Chamber of Industry and Trade was devoted to discussing means to promote economic cooperation. Tabbaa is currently leading Jordan's team to a joint

Jordanian-Omani Economic Committee which opened meetings here Saturday.

The two sides are reviewing the status of trade between Oman and Jordan and examining the prospect of increasing Jordan's imports of Omani fish and exports of national products to Oman.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the two sides will discuss establishing a holding company that will organise investments and promote trade.

Jordan currently exports pharmaceutical products, carpets, furniture, agricultural products, domestic appliances and glass products to Oman.

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## No more relics of past times

AND SO it came to pass Jan. 7, 1989, that Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat raised together the Jordanian and Palestinian flags side by side at the newly upgraded Palestinian embassy in Amman to the sound of applause from both Jordanians and Palestinians alike. And with that political gesture laden with emotions and high expectations the Jordanian-PLO relations reached a new juncture that crowned His Majesty King Hussein's talks with Chairman Arafat in Amman Saturday, during which His Majesty reaffirmed Jordan's full support to Mr. Arafat and to his speech to the United Nations General Assembly in Geneva last month, as well as to the resolutions of the Palestine National Council in Algiers on Nov. 15. His Majesty King Hussein summed up all when he said at the end of the second round of talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat Saturday: "We are very happy that responsibilities are in the able hands of the PLO leaders... we totally support my brother Abu Ammar (Arafat), our Palestinian brethren and the Palestinian cause with all our means and every way possible."

It is more than politically symbolic that the Jordanian and Palestinian flags were hoisted simultaneously Saturday on the occasion of the granting embassy status to the office of the PLO in Amman. There are no better words to describe the symbolism of the occasion than to quote the words of Chairman Arafat who said after the flag raising ceremony: "This means that the coordination and cooperation with our brothers, as we are one family, will increase..."

And the message to Israel and the rest of the world should be clear. Gone are the days when the quest for the resolution of the Palestinian conflict can be conducted in an isolation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Above all the Israeli leadership are invited to take political and juridical notice that it is high time to give up their illusions about bypassing the PLO in the Middle East peace process. The sooner they reconcile themselves to the new realities the better it will be for all parties concerned. The timing of the joint raising of the Jordanian and Palestinian flags at the Palestinian embassy in Amman is most opportune in view of the fact that the newly formed Israeli government is still entertaining false hopes that it can turn the political clock of the Middle East backward by contemplating so-called new initiatives on old ideas long regarded as the relics of past times.

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i along with the other Arabic dailies Sunday commented on the establishment of a Palestine embassy in Amman with His Majesty King Hussein's blessings. The embassy here, the paper said, is an embodiment of the total coordination, unity of purpose and joint struggle of the Jordanian and Palestinian people. The King's directives to give backing to the Palestinians and the Jordanian government's facilities extended to the Palestine Liberation Organisation can only indicate the Kingdom's true orientation towards bucking the endeavours of the Palestinian people in their relentless efforts to regain their rights and their homeland, the paper noted. It said that the very strong relations between the PLO and Jordan is a great source of satisfaction and pride for all Arabs in general and the Jordanian and Palestinian people in particular. The paper said the talks in Amman between PLO leader Yasser Arafat and King Hussein, described as excellent, reflect the determination by both sides to jointly confront the coming challenges for peace.

A columnist in Al Ra'i sharply called on the Arab states to unite in the face of the serious challenges by their common enemies and the current hardships confronted by the nation. Abdul Rahim Omar said that the Palestine National Council's decision to recognise U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and Washington's decision to open a dialogue with the PLO were good signs that the Palestine question is being directed towards the right peace track. These developments, he added, have been warmly welcomed not only by the Arab states but also by the international community which is now awaiting other constructive moves towards the establishment of peace. Therefore, the writer noted, the Arabs should take a concerted step towards paving the way for the convening of an international conference to establish peace in the Middle East and they can agree on such steps at an Arab summit conference where they can discuss chronic issues and measures with which to confront any eventualities. The Arab nation is going through a very sensitive stage requiring close coordination of stands with regards to the Gulf situation and calling for pressure to be exerted on Iran to exchange prisoners of war with Iraq and reach a lasting settlement with its Arab neighbour, the writer continued. He said that recent Iranian massing of troops along the border with Iraq, the U.S. naval forces off the Libyan shores and the continued occupation of Palestinian land should serve as a catalyst unifying the Arab countries' efforts in the face of the common danger.

Al Dostour daily came out with an editorial in which it lauded the fruitful cooperation between Jordan and the PLO to serve the common cause. Jordan's decision to establish an embassy for Palestine in Amman was a clear indication of the joint efforts being made to serve the Palestinians and their rights, the paper noted. It said that His Majesty King Hussein, who gave directives for the move, is displaying his determination to back the Palestinians in every way, and the creation of a Palestine embassy was the latest gift he offers to the Palestinian people. Furthermore, it said the King's talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, which were crowned with total success, came to add a new positive dimension to the bilateral relations.

Sawt Al Shaab daily also commented on the hoisting of the Palestinian flag over the embassy in Amman and said that Jordan's new move was a further indication that every thing will be done to back the rights and the just struggle of the Palestinian people. The paper said that the embassy in Amman was a symbol for the national objectives of the oppressed people who are now involved in confronting occupation in Palestine and came as another clear indication of Amman's determination to join hands with the Palestinians in their just struggle for peace.

## Weekly Political Pulse

# Israel needs visionary leadership

By Waleed Sadi

WHAT IF Israel continues to refuse to bow to reason and persists in its defiance of the mainstream international verdict on peace terms between Israel and the Arab side? The Arab side, including the Palestinian side through the PLO, has already invested much concessions in the elusive peace process and stands to lose a great deal if such investments come to naught. The principal beneficiary from such defeat of Arab peace overtures would obviously be the cause of extremism. The maximalist would have a field day if and when Arab moderation and bold Palestinian peace initiatives are dealt a crushing blow by Israel's determined strategy to pull the rug from under them. That is exactly the picture that emerges from Israel's frantic efforts to frustrate Arab aspirations for just and durable peace on the basis of international legitimacy. The Arab side should therefore be ready for every conceivable eventuality that could come its way from Tel Aviv. That is why the Arab side was prone to believe that Israel was behind the Pan Am crash last week. There is nothing too low for the Israeli leadership, the Arab World has often concluded, if it could negate the successful Arab peace offensive. By hook or by crook, the Israeli establishment is bent on derailing Arab reason and sense of moderation, the Palestinians say. In particular, the Arab World asserts, Israeli intelligence groups would persist on finding ways and means to drive a wedge between the Palestinian side and Washington. If worse comes to worst, Israeli militarism may indeed entice a military onslaught on the Arab side as a final act of desperation in a bid to accomplish what diplomacy has

failed to do.

But against this hostile tidal wave from Israeli establishment there are equally strong if not stronger tidal waves that could come to the rescue of the peace process both from within and without Israel. From within Israel there are some forces already brewing with peaceful sentiments. One is not only reminded of the 54 per cent of the Israelis who now favour a dialogue with the PLO but also of the economic forces within Israel that are now at the stage of a tempest but likely to develop into a hurricane if left unattended to in a meaningful way. The austerity budget proposed by Shimon Peres, the incumbent Israeli minister of finance, is cutting deep into Israeli ability to thwart the peace process. Perhaps it is symbolic that Peres, the politician-turned-economist, is trying to accomplish by fiscal means what he failed to do by political means, i.e. undermine Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's stubborn plan to consolidate his and his Likud Party's grip over authority and rule in Israel.

But be that as it may, Israel is still waging an uphill battle against the budgetary constraints that ensued principally from the Palestinian uprising. It is a well-known fact that Israel's military establishment cannot afford long duration mobilisations. All of its wars with the Arab armies were noticeably brief not lasting more than few days. In fact Israel's military strategy has been formulated on the basis of blitzes aiming at attaining its military and political objectives in, literally, days. The economy of Israel

has never been able to maintain a military footing based on long duration mobilisation. That is why the Palestinian uprising is such a pain to Israel and its military establishment is in panic to quell it at all costs. And that is why Israel was and remains to be haunted by the continuation of the Palestinian intifada.

If Israeli strategists would conclude that another blitz attack oo its neighbours would offer them an urgently needed respite from the political pressures generated by the Arab peace offensive they will be deceiving only themselves. The Arabs and Israelis have been locked up in situation of war for more than four decades.

Any permanent setback to the peace process now would mean the continuation of this state of war between Israel and Arab side. The ultimate choice that the Israelis would have to make now is to choose between the prospect of another decade of armed conflict with the Arab side with all that it may entail, or to seize upon this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to wage peace and compromise with their neighbours even if that entails relinquishing some of their dreams and maximalist aspiration. The Arab side has clearly opted for compromise and made substantial concessions to that end. The Arab leadership cannot hold the reign on their peoples for ever and must show something in return for their policy of moderation. As for the Arab peoples, if moderation and centralism cannot pay off, the alternative must be clear to friend and foe. This is the time for a visionary Israeli leadership who are capable of seeing beyond their noses. Otherwise the stakes for the peoples of the region are indeed very high and awesome.

## Japan's new emperor embodies blend of ancient and modern

TOKYO (R) — Akihito, who ascended Japan's chrysanthemum throne on the death of his father, 67-year-old Emperor Hirohito Saturday, wants the centuries-old traditions of the imperial family to evolve with the times.

As crown prince, he assumed a growing share of the emperor's ceremonial duties after Hirohito underwent major intestinal surgery in September 1987, a share that increased further after his father collapsed and became bedridden last Sept. 19.

### MAN IN THE NEWS

The 55-year-old Akihito with longish iron-grey hair broke imperial precedent when he became the first Japanese heir-apparent to marry a commoner and has encouraged his three children to live like normal Japanese.

After Japan's defeat in World War II, Hirohito renounced the imperial family's claim of divine status, reducing the emperor to the role of symbol of the state and the unity of the Japanese people.

Akihito has indicated that he wishes to take the process further.

"Centuries-old traditions of the imperial family must alter to meet social changes," he once said. He has already put his own stamp on the image of the imperial family.

Akihito embodies Japan's

national call of the 1980s — to internationalise, and to find a way to blend its ancient traditions and values with its modern role as a world leader.

He has begun to raise the "chrysanthemum curtain" which hitherto shrouded the imperial family and has sought to demonstrate a common touch to the Japanese people.

In 1986, his family stopped for the first time at a red traffic light and took their first ride on a commuter train, albeit in a carriage emptied of all other passengers.

Akihito, according to ancient custom, was taken from his parents at an early age and raised by chamberlains to a separate palace.

But in post-war democratic Japan, his educational horizons were widened to include subjects closed to his forebears.

In 1946 while at a special school in Tokyo for the nobility, he studied English with an American teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining, specially invited to Japan by Hirohito for that purpose.

In November 1952, Prince Akihito was formally invested as the heir to the throne in a ceremony which broke the tradition of centuries.

For the first time since, according to legend, the ceremony was first instituted in the reign of the mythical first sovereign, Emperor Jimmu, in 660 BC, the event was held in public and watched by local and foreign guests and the press.

In the following year, Akihito toured 14 countries in Europe and America as a representative of the emperor.

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opposition to the visit.

While the government there seemed eager to set the past behind, many Koreans still feel aversion toward Japan, born from 35 years under Japanese colonial rule from 1910 to 1945.

## Give overtime where needed

By Salah Abdul Samad

IN conformity with the government's general guidelines for a reduction in expenses, government offices reduced to a minimum the volume of their employees overtime work so as to avoid paying extra allowances.

One of the government's departments affected by the measure was the Income Tax Department — something which indeed took many by surprise. The Income Tax Department is rightly considered the government's instrument for collecting revenues for the treasury, ensuring vast sums of income for the various government departments' expenses.

It is surprising to see such a department's work shrinking especially as the nature of the employees' work requires extra hours that are difficult to reduce given the enormous and ever-growing task shouldered by the Income Tax Department.

It is also difficult to understand the wisdom behind a decision to allow senior staff in that department alone enjoying full extra allowances which were partially denied to the smaller employees who effectively shoulder the day-to-day work by conducting estimates of citizens income and who calculate the amounts that should be paid.

It should be openly suggested that the Income Tax Department should be exempted from the government's measures not to allow its employees to enjoy a privilege but rather to allow them to carry out their duty in full, despite the fact that it takes extra office hours to do it and involves paying them allowances for such extra work.

If the austerity measures imposed by the government are to be imposed on the Income Tax Department, then it is reasonable to demand that all staff, including senior ones, be treated on the same footing.

## LETTERS

### More for tourism

To the Editor:

It seems that tourism is destined to play second fiddle to all other sectors of the economy of this country.

Since the recent drastic economic measures announced by the government in order to shore up the economy, those of us earning our livelihood in offering services to the tourists were heartened when the prime minister and other members of the government emphasised on several occasions the important role tourism can play in generating foreign revenue for the treasury.

Recently, the 1989 budget was announced underlining the very low priority given, yet again, to tourism. Allow me to illustrate:

Total current expenditures on tourism for 1989 are set at JD 634,000, a mere 0.09 per cent of the total current expenditures. And yet, total income that can be attributed to tourism and travel activities (Department Tax, 3 per cent tax on hotels and restaurants billings) comes up to a staggering JD 22,000,000, or 4.02 per cent of total government revenue for the same fiscal year. In very simple terms, the country is getting \$447,000 return for every \$1.00 invested.

Even allowing for those who may contend that the Department Tax should not be considered, the other two items come up to JD 6,000,000 or 0.9 per cent of total revenue, giving a return of \$10.00 for every \$1.00 spent.

Of the total current expenditure, JD 81,000 is to be spent on capital investment. Allowing for running expenses of the ministry such as salaries, transport, etc., I cannot see more than JD 125,000 to JD 175,000 as being earmarked for the most important function of the ministry, namely marketing.

For those cynical of the importance of tourism, especially with the present economic climate in Jordan, let me point

out some of the figures published in the Central Bank Statistical Bulletin for October 1988:

Total arrivals in 1987, excluding Jordanian and Egyptian nationals, come up to 1,293,300 who spent an average of JD 151,830 per person, generating a whopping total of JD 19,360,000 (or \$578,379,970.50 at the average rate of JD 0.3395).

The political climate in the Middle East at the present time is very conducive to tourism. The Iraq-Iran war has been relegated to the inside pages; there is daily mention of a possible international peace conference on the Middle East. What is more important, the image of Jordan abroad has improved dramatically during the last 12 months. In the same period, Jordanian travel agents, hoteliers and our national carrier have spent large amounts, and thousands of man-hours, marketing their individual products.

In other words, we can safely assume that the number of arrivals can be increased by a modest 5 per cent during 1989, and advance bookings held by hoteliers and agents indicate that this is achievable. In terms of earnings, this could mean an additional \$29,000,000 flowing into our reserves. With properly funded aggressive marketing, we can sustain a similar growth over the next few years. If my estimate of the government marketing budget is correct (say JD 150,000 or \$30,000), then the return on investment is almost 100%.

These figures clearly indicate that tourism is a very viable industry that deserves more attention, and funding, from the government. Every additional dollar spent on marketing could generate \$100 in hard currency. Can anyone think of another industry that comes anywhere close to this? I certainly cannot.

Political expediency helped persuade the victorious allies not to try Hirohito but six other war leaders including the prime minister, General Hideki Tojo, were found guilty of war crimes by an allied tribunal and executed.

Subsequently a new constitution strongly influenced by the Americans left the emperor as a mere symbol of state, with less real or potential power than a simple diet.

He won respect in the marine biology field and became a leading authority on hydrozoans — jellyfish and related creatures — writing and collaborating on more than a dozen books on the subject.

According to legend which are given little credence in modern Japan, Hirohito was the 124th in an unbroken 2,600-year-old dynamic line. In fact the line can be proved to have been broken at least twice.

For the first half of his life, the world's longest-reigning monarch was considered divine and ordinary people were forbidden to look at him directly.

## Zimbabwe: Health reformers with traditional kits

By Jose Ruijter

HARARE — Almost 10,000 infants and young children die each year in Zimbabwe — the victims of diarrhoeal diseases. Further suffering is caused among the young by malnutrition and other water-related diseases like bilharzia, dysentery, hookworm and eye infections.

And yet too few Zimbabwean parents are observing the basic rules of personal hygiene and sanitation; many are simply not aware. A study by the University of Zimbabwe and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Sabi Valley, for example, showed that none of the male heads of households and only 0.8 per cent of the mothers identified sanitation as a priority.

Most of these people are interested in getting clean water but, even as they do, they do not hesitate to use polluted water at the same time. As a result, water and sanitation programmes have made only a negligible impact on health improvement in Zimbabwe.

After a decade of that experience, most government and non-governmental institutions are now aware that supply of water and construction of latrines is not an end in itself. The clean water supply is wasted on people who persist on going to the river to wash clothes, and come home with bilharzia.

Indeed, most women want to have a water source close to their homes to avoid long trips on foot, but they are less concerned with the advantages of clean water. Similarly, a popular eagerness to construct latrines seems mostly inspired by the desire to lay hands on free building materials. Ownership of a latrine — an expensive device in the rural areas — adds to the householder's social status, but avoidance rules prohibit inflows to share the facility.

Also, most parents believe that a child's stool is harmless. It is

therefore exceptional for a child under the age of five to use a latrine. Children thus become major sources of infection and major victims.

Government institutions, particularly the Blair Research Laboratory and the District Development Fund in Zimbabwe, therefore, are trying to improve the efficacy of their water and sanitation programmes by adapting their strategies to those traditional beliefs and habits which promote cleanliness and hygiene.

For the Shona people water is not just a commodity, but rather an object of reverence: a source of life and a symbol of fertility.

According to the traditional belief, natural springs and ponds are inhabited by ancestral spirits (*Njuzu*), who protect the purity and continuity of this natural resource and thus ensure the survival of the community.

Many people claim that disrepect for the ancestral spirits is the cause of the drying up of springs and rivers. Those individuals who deny the community access to a water source — even when situated on private property — or wilfully pollute them can be punished by poisoning or be accused of witchcraft.

Although outsiders like water engineers and sanitation experts who unwittingly interfere with these unwritten laws are not treated as harshly, their work sometimes is influenced by the tradition-



Tear Gas in My Eyes, by Sahar Mansur, 8, at the London exhibition of paintings by Palestinian children.



Youq Yasmine contemplates the work of a Palestinian child at the London exhibition of paintings by Palestinian children in the Israeli occupied territories.



## Faithful witnesses testify

Palestinian children have produced powerful images from their experiences under Israeli occupation in an exhibition coinciding with Christmas celebrations in Europe.

By Maureen Ali

LONDON — London at Christmas can be fairytale for children. In all the main streets, lights sparkle and Christmas trees gladden. The shop windows are ablaze with colour. Inside there are ani-

mated Christmas scenes, fairytale tableaux and cheerful Santa Clauses waiting to hear who wants what on Christmas Eve. All around, Christmas carols blast out from loud speakers and in most schools a Nativity play is performed recalling the birth of Christ in a humble stable in Palestine.

As they act out this ritualistic

rendition of the Christmas story, few of the children will make any connection with the situation in Holy Land today. Few will be aware of the suffering of their peers in occupied Palestine, living under Israeli occupation and denied access even to basic education.

It is therefore appropriate that during this festive season, London children will have a chance to visit a remarkable art exhibition

*Faithful Witnesses: Palestinian Children Recreate Their World* which features over 50 drawings and paintings by children aged four to 14 from the West Bank and Gaza.

The timely exhibition, coming soon after the anniversary of *Intifada*, the uprising which began in the occupied territories in December 1987, has already drawn large crowds at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva and New York. It will remain at the London Kufa Gallery until early January before travelling to Europe.

The drawings were selected by Washington-based Palestinian artist, Kamal Boullata. Aware that the children were prohibited by the Israeli authorities from attending school, Boullata suggested that they might find an outlet for their frustrations on paper. Within weeks he was overwhelmed by hundreds of artworks. Those selected represent the core of the collection.

Boullata points to three main themes which are reflected in the exhibition: the traditions of pastoral life, the experience of everyday life under occupation, and faith in a vision of peace which the children have never known.

The titles of the paintings are as revealing as the paintings

themselves: Ploughing the Land; Women at the Village Fountain; A Walk in Grandfather's Olive Grove; Throwing Stones; Barricades; Protest Demonstration at Amari Refugee Camp; Tear Gas in My Eyes; Arresting my Brother Imad; Night Flight over Jerusalem; Palestinian Wedding.

Yet there is hope, perhaps best encapsulated in Sahar Mansur's *Night Flight over Jerusalem*, inspired by the Prophet's miraculous journey from Mecca. Here a winged horse overflies mosques and churches, domes and spires, where candles burn and Christmas trees glow like symbols of eternal peace.

In neighbouring Lebanon, the longing for peace is just as real and the plight of its children living in fear of war and destruction just as poignant. They too are remembered in London at Christmas, during a special evening held by the British-Lebanese Association.

A Children's Tour of Lebanon was a one-night event designed to remind Lebanese children, some of whom have never seen Lebanon, of the sights, sounds and even tastes of their native country.

Special attractions include a performance of Christmas songs in English and Arabic by a group of handicapped Lebanese children on a sponsored tour of Britain, and songs and poems by London-based children. But the highlight is the performance of *Dabke* and traditional dance by the Habib Wehbe Ensemble, a lively and competent group of children and young adults whose services were volunteered to make the evening a roaring success.

In remembering their country, the London-based children are also encouraged to recall the plight of their peers. A film about children in Lebanon is included in the programme. Some of the funds raised from the event will be donated towards the needy — Academic File.

## Eva Marie Saint looks again for substantial roles

By Christopher Michael Reuter

NEW YORK — Veteran actress Eva Marie Saint is tired of playing mothers.

Her early years in Hollywood paired her in major roles with leading men like Cary Grant, Marlon Brando, Paul Newman and Richard Burton, but Saint has spent much of the past 15 years starring in "family" television dramas.

Her biography in the "Film Encyclopedia" says that after her academy award-winning film debut with Marlon Brando in "On the Waterfront," Saint's subsequent parts "were neither suited to nor worthy of her unique personality and talent."

"It's probably true," Saint, 64, said recently in an interview. She was visiting New York on her way to Rockport, Massachusetts, for the television premiere of her latest film, "I'll Be Home for Christmas," which was shot in the picturesque seaside town.

In this film, too, Saint plays a mother. But she's not complaining. Saint and Hal Holbrook appear as the anxious parents of a young soldier due home from battle for the Christmas holidays during World War II.

She took the role despite its maternal aspects because she liked the script and looked forward to working again with Holbrook, her co-star in "When Hell Was in Session."

"I think it's a good story, especially for young people who have no idea what sacrifices this country made in 1944," she said. "Not only in lives, but food was rationed, women worked in the factories, and there was no 'ya' or 'na'. It wasn't like Vietnam. Everybody went to stop Hitler, and there was no question that people wouldn't go."

### Leading men

Despite strong performances opposite the likes of Paul Newman, Richard Burton and Yves Montand throughout the 1960s, Saint's film career went on hold after 1970, when youth oriented films and special effects extravaganzas left little room for an actress of her sophistication and classical training.

This isn't the first time hopes have been raised by THA. In 1986 a report in The New England Journal of Medicine suggested that 16 of 17 patients showed "significant" and sometimes "dramatic" improvement after THA therapy. After the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found "serious deficiencies" in that effort, an independent study was launched. Early next year researchers will get preliminary results when they break the code for the first 100 patients — neither doctors nor patients know who is taking the THA or the placebo.

There's a down side to early

reports about promising Alzheimer's drugs. Families and patients get great expectations and desperately want to try anything," says Dr. Zaven Khachaturian. At least there's something to try. "Ten years ago," he says, "we were totally at a loss."

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Eva Marie Saint with Gary Grant

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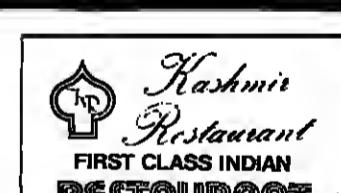
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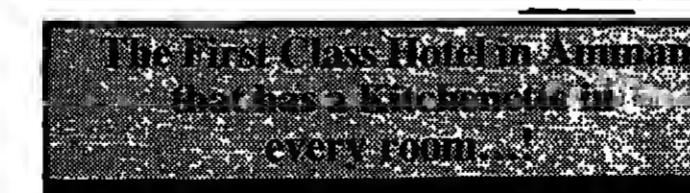
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## Gorbachev favours defence cuts, urges action on big state deficit

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has said he favours reductions in defence spending as a key step to trim a large budget deficit that could threaten his sweeping reform programme.

Speaking at a meeting with cultural representatives, Gorbachev also issued new warnings to those officials bent on bailing out his "perestroika" programme to restructure Soviet society.

In a lengthy speech, carried by the TASS news agency, he called for tolerance of national sentiment in some parts of the Soviet Union, but said a centralised system of government was still required.

Gorbachev acknowledged that previous Soviet leaders had committed serious errors in paying insufficient attention to agriculture, light industry and services.

Stark economic choices had to be made, he said, to reduce budget allocations in several major areas "not having a direct bearing on people's social needs."

"The issue is so sharp that we must also look at what is to be done with defence spending," he said. "Initial studies show that we can reduce it."

Gorbachev said the budget deficit had been fuelled by neglect and particularly the drop in the price of oil, of which the Soviet Union is a major exporter.

The cutback on tax-generating alcohol sales pushed the deficit by

last year to 49 billion roubles (\$83 billion). The nine-year Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident and last month's earthquake in Armenia had exacerbated the problem.

Gorbachev told his audience — editors, artists, composers and writers — that attacks on his leadership and programmes were commonplace both from conservatives fearful of change and those who said his reform programme offered nothing concrete.

"There are indeed problems in overcoming the brake on economic and social and political development. New problems keep coming up and solutions aren't easy," Gorbachev said.

"We already have a fully-de-

veloped idea of the society which we are moving towards... we have to continue working out our concept of a new aspect of socialism. And we're doing this now," he emphasised.

The Soviet leader has freely admitted in recent speeches that his economic reforms are not taking hold as he would wish, particularly in the key area of food distribution.

Gorbachev also addressed the current ethnic difficulties besetting the Soviet Union.

"We need a strong centre," he said. "This is dictated by the nature of our economy and the federal nature of our government... without a strong centre this would take on an undesirable character and would simply be impossible."

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"We already have a fully-de-

## World's largest port fights to stay on top

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — From atop his mammoth crane, Jan De Jong lifts a 25-ton container from a freighter with a flick of his joystick, punches a code onto his computer screen and delivers the cargo onto a railway car 200 metres away.

"It's quite a change compared with 20 years ago," the 49-year-old De Jong mused. "Getting 25 tons of cargo from the hold would take us all day. Now it's just a matter of minutes."

The change in De Jong's workday routine reflects the 1980s transformation of Rotterdam, the world's biggest and busiest port, from a labour-intensive harbour operation into a digitalised logistics centre, where fewer and fewer people handle ever more cargo.

City officials say the change has begun just in time to fend off the rival ports of Antwerp, Hamburg and Le Havre. All are preparing for the cutthroat competition expected throughout Western Europe after national trade barriers are removed as part of the 1992 market integration of the 12-nation European Community (EC).

The Dutch government's game plan is to make the Netherlands the main trading centre and transit point for goods entering and leaving northwestern Europe. Toward that end it has begun a large programme of subsidies and

tax breaks to attract European headquarters and distribution operations of multinational companies.

The Dutch scored a major success last year when the Japanese auto giant Nissan announced it would locate its European headquarters in the Netherlands.

The city of Rotterdam earmarked one billion guilders (\$500 million) in the 1987-1992 period to further upgrade the 2,148-hectare (5,306-acre) port's traffic radar and telecommunications network. New container terminals and additional railway yards leading to the port's 40 kilometres of quays also are part of the project.

"We need to put ourselves on the map again as a sophisticated link in the transport chain, especially in our main market areas — Latin America, the United States, and the Far East," Rotterdam Mayor Bram Peper told the Associated Press.

"In the 1970s, complacency set in. The prevailing opinion was that we were the biggest and the best — a god-given fact that wasn't believed subject to any change," said the socialist mayor in a recent interview.

Paradoxically, that period of smugness coincided with the worldwide economic slump that followed, the sharp rise in oil prices in 1973.

Because of its huge volume of operations, Rotterdam, where

the Rhine and Maas rivers flow into the North Sea, suffered less from that recession than other European ports.

But another recession in the early 1980s brought a Western European industrial retrenchment, shifts from heavy to light industry, and radical changes in transport needs that brought Rotterdam's traditional bulk handling operation to the verge of obsolescence.

"There is a marked shift in the economic activity of Western Europe, a shift not only in what is being produced, but also in where it is being manufactured," said Ron Van Harten of Rotterdam's Municipal Port Authority.

From 1945 until the mid-1970s Rotterdam's biggest single customer was West Germany's Ruhr area, whose steel mills and huge chemical plants consumed vast quantities of iron ore, coal and petroleum shipped through Rotterdam.

But West Germany's economic centre of gravity has been drifting southward toward Bavaria's new computer and component factories.

Those high-tech sectors require quicker handling and delivery of small containerised loads, instead of the huge but slow bulk freight shipments that made Rotterdam's worldwide reputation, according to Van Harten.

The new high-tech industries are particularly sought after by

## '89 brings 'socialist capitalism' to Hungary

dard of living unequalled elsewhere in the Soviet Bloc.

Economic experimentation continued into the 1980s, resulting in such unique wrinkles as the Soviet Bloc's first bond market. But critics now say such moves came too late and were too little to permit competition with more dynamic Western economies.

Hungary began pioneering experiments unique to the East Bloc nearly three decades ago. By the 1970s, it boasted a small but dynamic private sector, vested managers of state-run enterprises with power to turn a profit and offered many a stan-

ds of living unequalled elsewhere in the Soviet Bloc.

A leadership change last year swept away many of the more cautious old guard. Now politicians and economic experts are touting the "socialist market economy," envisaging reforms that come closer to Western-style capitalism.

Moscow has encouraged Budapest in its reform drive, apparently anxious to see the result in this comparatively small country of 10.6 million before taking similar steps in the Soviet Union.

Soviet Politburo member Alexander N. Yakovlev, at a Budapest news conference in November, chided Soviet journalists for not covering Hungarian reforms more comprehensively.

One of a number of planned new laws this year will allow the

transformation of state-owned enterprises into companies issuing stock. Foreigners may hold up to 100 per cent ownership in a Hungarian company, trade shares on the Hungarian Stock Exchange and take advantage of tax breaks granted to investors.

Entrepreneurs may employ up to 500 people and seek foreign financial backing by selling shares.

The government, attempting to reduce a \$17 billion debt — the Soviet Bloc's highest in per capita terms — has vowed to sell off at least five billion forints (\$100 million) worth of state property, in addition to reducing subsidies on both production and consumer goods and services.

Restructuring the economy is vital both to domestic stability and foreign creditability.

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## Bankers recommend strict measures to fight international money-laundering

ZURICH (R) — Western central bankers have joined the fight against international crime, urging banks to make it harder for criminals to disguise the origins of their money.

In a statement, a committee of

bankers from 12 Western countries said banks should insist on knowing the identity of their customers and should not handle suspicious transactions.

"Money-laundering has become a matter of worldwide concern in the last few years," said Werner Abegg, spokesman for the Swiss National Bank, which published the statement.

"This is an appeal to banks to exercise a certain self-discipline in this area and to cooperate with the legal authorities," he said.

The statement was drafted by

the Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices, formerly known as the Cooke Committee. It urged banks to adopt higher ethical standards and to cooperate with police.

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## Nebiolo resigns

ROME (AP) — Primo Nebiolo, credited with helping restore the popularity of international track and field, announced his resignation Saturday as the chairman of Italy's track federation.

The move came after a series of scandals that prompted criticism of his leadership.

"This was a planned decision; everyone knows how tied I am to track," he told reporters after presenting his resignation at a meeting of the ruling council of FIDAL, the national track federation.

"I will treasure the memory of many beautiful things, of projects carried out and great results, darkened but not erased by some negative moments."

Augusto Frasca, chief of the press office of FIDAL, the national track federation, said the resignation had been expected and would take effect Feb. 8.

Nebiolo, a 64-year-old industrialist, is also president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, track's world governing body.

He has been hailed as the savior of track and field for his success in promoting the sport internationally and bringing it money. On Dec. 11, he was re-elected to a four-year term as head of FIDAL.

But calls for his resignation began after a long jump was fixed at the world track and field championships in Rome in 1987 and grew louder during investigation of alleged financial wrongdoings involving FIDAL officials.

The FIDAL ruling council said in a statement that it unanimously accepted Nebiolo's resignation, which it said was "made to help resolve the problems that have gripped Italian track."

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN  
AND OMAR SHARIF

#### TOO CLEVER BY HALF

Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**

♦ A 2

♥ 7 5

♦ A 10 4

♦ A J 9 7 5 3

**WEST**

♦ Q 10 6 4

♦ 9

♥ 8 6 3

♦ Q 9 7 5

♦ Q 10 2

♦ 8 6 4

**SOUTH**

♦ K J 8 7 5 3

♦ Q 9

♦ K Q 8 2

♦ K

**EAST**

1 ♠ 1 ♦

Pass

2 ♠ 2 ♦

Pass

2 ♠ 2 ♦

Pass

Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♦

Sometimes it doesn't pay to be too clever. You can alert a perceptive declarer to what's going on, and he might come up with the right answer.

Note North's bidding. Since the auction marked his partner with at least five spades, North saw no reason to rebid his clubs another time.

Instead, he took preference to his partner's first suit, and South need not further urge to contract for game—knowledge that his partner had something in spades was

enough.

West led the top of his hearts to his partner's queen, and East con-

tinned with the king as West produced the six. Had East simply exited with a minor-suit card, declarer would surely have been defeated—he would have won, cashed the ace of spades and concluded with a trump. When East failed to follow, declarer would have had no way to recover; he would inevitably have had to lead two more trump tricks.

However, East elected to try to weaken declarer's trump holding by combining with a thin heart, giving declarer a ruff-stuff he did not need. Declarer ruffed in hand, and began to ask himself why East had adopted such an unusual defense. He came to the conclusion that West was trying to protect his partner's trump tricks.

Declarer continued with a spade to the ace, and East's nine strengthened declarer's suspicions. Backing his card-reading skill, declarer cashed the king of clubs and three rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy. He discarded a diamond on the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. Now declarer exited with the eight of spades. West won with the ten, but he had to lead from his queen into declarer's K-J tenace, so South had his ten tricks.

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### THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



"If you'd hug me once every seven minutes we would cut our heating bill by 25%."

### JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NIHKT

INVEX

SMEFLY

FAISAR

THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

These new forms are something else.

WHAT THE FISHERMAN'S GROSS INCOME WAS.

Now arrange the encircled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: **AS**

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: SNOWY CATCH INLAID GYRATE

Answer: How the miser got rich—THE "HOARD" WAY

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Swedes lead after Salonen ditched

KARLSTAD (AP) — A disastrous ditching on one of the final special stages Saturday cost leading ex-world champion Timo Salonen of Finland a half hour on the second stage of the Swedish rally. A quartet of Swedes in hot pursuit took over the lead and were vying for the first home victory in five years over the Finns, while Salonen dropped to a dismal 11th spot.

#### Nigeria beats Gabon 1-0 in qualifier

ENUGWA, Nigeria (R) — Nigeria shrugged off a host of problems to beat Gabon 1-0 in their World Cup African Group C soccer match Saturday. Wole Odegbami scored in the fifth minute to delight a capacity 50,000-strong crowd after weeks of problems for the Nigerians in the build-up to the second round qualifying match. Their technical manager, West German-born Manfred Hoener, disappeared after accusing the Nigerian Football Association (NFA) of failing to arrange for Nigerian professionals playing abroad to play in the tie.

#### William and Mary trounce Japanese all-stars

YOKOHAMA (AP) — William and Mary, a U.S. college football team, scored nearly every time it had the ball and shut down the Japanese all-star team, roaring to a 73-3 victory Sunday in the rain-soaked Epson Ivy Bowl. Both sides agreed that the Japanese were hurt by the problem of quickly trying to build teamwork among players from different schools. "All our passes were incomplete because of the rain and slippery half and there was no harmony and timing between the passer and receiver," Japanese coach Mikio Shishitake said. Adding a little extra to the scoring show for the Japanese spectators, William and Mary's Steve Christie kicked a 50-yard field goal in the second quarter on one of the rare occasions when the American's drive bogged down.

#### Tabletennis — Asia rally against Europe

KOTA KINABALU (R) — Asia rallied from behind to take a 2-1 lead after the first leg of the Europe-Asia men's tabletennis championship Saturday night while the women's teams drew 1-1. Trailing 0-1 after Friday night, Asian men's team three beat Europe's team two 5-1 and Asian team two beat Europe team three 2-2 to take the lead over the defending champions. Taiwan's Wu Wenchin earned valuable points for the Asian men by upsetting Sweden's world number six Jorgen Persson 22-20, 21-21 and crushing Britain's Desmond Douglas 21-11, 21-10.

#### Game Borg set to meet his match

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Former tennis star Bjorn Borg has asked Italian singer Loredana Berté to marry him, and she has accepted, Swedish newspapers reported Saturday. "Loredana and I are marrying Feb. 26, in Milan. It will be a Catholic church wedding. Afterwards we shall live in Sweden," the Aftonbladet daily quoted the 32-year-old Swede as saying. Borg, who quit professional tennis after winning five consecutive Wimbledon titles 1976-80, earlier was married to Romanian-born tennis-player Marianna Simionescu. In 1984 he met Janneke Bjorling, a Swedish girl, then 17 years old. About a year later she gave birth to their son Robin. They lived together until 1987.

#### Soviet Red army team downs Whalers 6-3

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### Paris-Dakar Rally

#### Toss of coin decides frontrunner

#### Provisional Overall Standings:

1. Ickx/Tarin 15 hours, 02 minutes and 52 seconds
2. Vatanen/Berglund five minutes and eight seconds behind
3. Tamay/Lemoine 2:09.43
4. M. Tjisterman/K. Tjisterman (Netherlands) Mitsubishi 4:58.03
5. Freguilla/Fenouil 5:33.01
6. Jean-Pierre Fontenay/Bruno Musmara (France) Mitsubishi 5:48.44
7. Gerard Sarrazin/Gerard Trouble (France) Toyota 5:53.28
8. Ken Shinohara/H. Magne (Japan/France) Mitsubishi 6:07.39
9. Prieto/Juncosa 6:24.08
10. S. Servia (no co-driver) (Spain) Land Rover 6:41.57

Finn Ari Vatanen, who like his team-mate Jacky Ickx was some two hours ahead of the field, was selected as Peugeot's number one driver.

Belgian Ickx, the overall leader

by five minutes after Saturday's

stage, was ordered by team chiefs

to ease off and let Vatanen move

ahead, ending a duel between the

two men.

International Motorsports Federa-

tion (FISA) president Jean-

Marie Bastele

reacted angrily.

"The decision makes Peugeot

look ridiculous as a company and

makes the race look stupid," he

said.

Peugeot chief Jean Todt said

that with such a big gap after

Saturday's 641-km stage in Niger

from Niamey to Gao, the team

wanted to safeguard its expecta-

tions of winning by eliminating

competition between its two

drivers.

The only way to prevent

Vatanen winning now is for

another driver to make up the

two-hour gap.

Rally organiser Gilbert Sabine

also condemned the move. "I'm

very sad to see the Paris-Dakar

turned into a Paris-Gao. I'd liked

to have seen Peugeot, who have

won this rally twice, come away

with a bit more panache," he

said.

Sabine

pledged to take mea-

asures to stop factory team partici-

pating in major rallies. "This is not

a sport for financial and industrial

interests, it's a man's sport," he

said.

The Peugeot decision means

that if, for example, Vatanen

suffered a puncture, Ickx would

have to give him a wheel from his

Peugeot

## ANC to close Angola camps

LUSAKA (Agencies) — The African National Congress (ANC) said Sunday it planned to dismantle guerrilla camps in Angola to support peace accords aimed at ending the conflicts in Namibia and Angola.

Cuba, South Africa and Angola signed agreements in New York last month binding South Africa to give independence to Namibia and providing for a phased withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

ANC President Oliver Tambo said in a statement marking the 77th anniversary of the founding of the organisation, which is fighting to end white domination in South Africa, that the accords constituted "an advance of great strategic significance" for Southern Africa.

"It is against this background that the African National Congress,

in consultation with the fraternal government of the People's Republic of Angola and other friendly African countries, has readily agreed to move our military personnel from Angola so as not to allow the racists (South Africans) and their allies to use the presence of ANC military facilities as an excuse for blocking or otherwise delaying the process now in motion," he stated.

He did not indicate where the fighters would be moved to but said the ANC's fight would continue and be intensified.

"The armed struggle is more vital than ever before...." Tambo

said. "Our approach must be that of militant mass defiance," he added.

Sources close to the ANC told Reuters dismantling of the military camps had already begun because alternative bases had been found. They did not say where the new camps were being established.

Pretoria had demanded the removal of ANC camps from Angola during U.S.-brokered talks which began last May and resulted in the December peace accords.

The first contingent of Cuban troops is expected to leave for home Tuesday while a U.N.-supervised Namibian independence process is scheduled to begin April 1.

The Cubans have been fighting alongside Angolan government forces since 1975 against right-wing rebels of UNITA — the

National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — which is backed by the United States and South Africa.

Pretoria has ruled mineral-rich Namibia, which borders Angola, for 73 years. In recent years it has defied U.N. demands for the territory's independence.

### Pullout verification

To verify Cuba's withdrawal of its soldiers from Angola, the United Nations "will trust the information given by both countries" about the troop pullout, a newspaper reported Sunday.

"The two countries are allies — there is no reason to mistrust them," said Pericles Ferreira Gomes, a Brazilian brigadier general who is commanding the U.N.'s Angola verification mis-

sion in Luanda, Angola.

Gomes said in an interview with the New York Times, published in the newspaper's Sunday editions, that the United Nations' verification of whether Cuba is withdrawing its troops as promised will be based on trust.

When asked how he would be able to verify whether Cuba had completely withdrawn its forces by July 1, 1991, as required by the agreement, Ferreira said: "When they tell us there are no more troops, we will tell the United Nations that they have gone."

"We will trust the information given by both countries. It would not be normal for two countries to sign an agreement and not to fulfill it."

Under its U.N. mandate, Ferreira's mission "is to verify the redeployment northward and total withdrawal of Cubans from Angola," the Times reported.



A mother and her children huddle in the rain as they attend a memorial service in Lockerbie, Scotland, for victims of Pan Am Flight 103.

## 'Lean and mean' case against North

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prosecution's request to drop the most sweeping and controversial Iran-contra charges against Oliver L. North could make it easier to put the former presidential aide on trial, legal experts say.

The most politically explosive charges, alleging a conspiracy to divert to Nicaraguan rebels \$14 million in proceeds from U.S.-Iran arms sales, will be gone if the dismissal move by independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh succeeds.

But some experts say that would leave a "lean and mean" case against North, free of problems that have bogged down the proceedings for months.

District judge Gerhard A. Gesell will decide whether to grant the dismissal motion. If he does, prosecutors will still be able to try the former National Security Council aide on 12 felony charges, including allegations that he shredded documents and lied both to Congress and presidential inquiry in an effort to conceal his involvement in the Iran-contra

affair.

The Japanese cabinet approved the Feb. 24 funeral date Sunday, the first in a long line of state and palace procedures to prepare for Hirohito's burial, expected to be attended by about 10,000 people.

Takeshita will serve as chairman of a special committee to oversee preparation for the funeral, with Feb. 24 expected to be made a national holiday.

Palace officials released a long list of imperial rites, some elaborate, others simple, leading up to the burial at a designated imperial mausoleum in western Tokyo where his father, former Emperor Taisho, also is buried.

Representatives of the

construction of justice are not small matters, if in fact that's what happened," said Brand, a former counsel to the House of Representatives.

"Lying to the Congress may be worse" than actually diverting arms-sale proceeds to help the contras at a time lawmakers had banned such assistance to the rebels, Brand said.

"The public's perception of this and what it says about the distribution of powers among the branches of government is as important to me as whether anybody goes to jail," he added.

The remaining counts carry prison terms totalling 60 years. They include charges that North lied to Congress in 1985 and 1986 about his involvement in the covert contra resupply operation.

North also is accused of accepting installation of a \$13,800 security fence around his suburban Virginia home, pocketing at least \$4,300 in traveller checks from contra leader Adolfo Calero and illegally using a tax-exempt foundation to raise money for the affair.

Other couns charge that North lied to Attorney General Edwin Meese III and destroyed official documents during the Nov. 20 to 23, 1986, presidential investigation of the Iran-contra affair.

## Violence rages in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Tamil fighters ambushed a Sri Lankan army truck, killing three soldiers and their civilian driver, military officials said Sunday.

Three other soldiers were seriously wounded in the attack late Saturday night near Padavaya, 235 kilometres northeast of Colombo, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

They said guerrillas hiding in dense jungle on either side of the road opened fire with machine guns and pistols when the truck approached. The guerrillas fled into the jungle with four Chinese-made T-56 semi-automatic rifles taken from the truck, the military officials said.

The Central American human rights commission sent a letter to Arias Saturday expressing its "shock" over his proposal to postpone the meeting. The group sent the letter after meeting Saturday in the Costa Rican capital of San Jose.

The letter said Arias' proposal "shows that he undoubtedly is controlled by the political decisions of the U.S. government."

It also said postponing the meeting would be a major setback to the Central American peace process and a continuation of "grave human rights conditions in the area."

were dispatched to Sri Lanka in July 1987 to try to disarm the Tigers, whose insurrection has claimed more than 8,500 lives in the past six years.

### India to withdraw

India announced Jan. 1 it would withdraw some of its 50,000 troops on the island off the South Indian coast. One battalion, estimated by the Indian high commission to number 2,500 to 3,000 men, left last week.

An official at the embassy said another battalion started leaving Sunday.

More troops will be withdrawn in phases "depending on the situation on the ground," according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Indian peacekeeping troops

## Crash victim's family receives wrong body

ROCHESTER, New York (AP)

— The family of a Syracuse University student killed in the explosion of Pan Am Flight 103 learned shortly before the scheduled funeral that they received the wrong body, her father said.

"I know my daughter is still out there somewhere, either in Scotland, unidentified, or shipped somewhere else," Robert Hunt said Saturday. "And we have a body here that some family is grieving over."

Hunt said the body of his daughter, Karen, was examined by the Monroe County medical examiner's office Friday. Examiners determined Saturday through dental records and X-rays that it wasn't Karen's body, he said.

"They told me this Saturday morning they were 100-percent positive it wasn't Karen's body," he said in a telephone interview from his home in the Rochester suburb of Webster.

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"Nothing matched... just about nothing," Halik said.

Dr. Nicholas Forbes, chief medical examiner, said other physical discrepancies also existed.

British officials in Lockerbie said they were investigating.

"A question has been raised regarding the body of Karen Hunt," officials said in a terse statement. "The matter is the subject of further discussion and examination by appropriate medical specialists."

Hunt received word Tuesday from authorities in Scotland that the body of his daughter, who would have turned 21 Saturday, had been identified.

Miss Hunt's aunt then called officials in Scotland to get a description of the clothes on the body, he said.

"What the person over sound like Karen's," Hunt said.

The funeral, which had been scheduled for Friday, was postponed.

Hunt said he's concerned another family might receive Karen's body and cremate it without knowing its true identity.

"You can exhume a body, but you can't identify it once it's been cremated," he said.

The New York-bound Boeing 747 blew up Dec. 21 over Lockerbie, killing all 259 people aboard Flight 103. Eleven others died on the ground after wreckage and blazing jet fuel rained down on Webster.

Miss Hunt was returning to New York after completing a one-semester programme in Syracuse University's programme in London.

### Search continues

Four hundred police, troops and civilian volunteers are continuing search of remote areas of northernmost England Saturday for debris from the Pan Am jet.

Twenty-eight bodies were still missing.

The main search area has moved almost 100 kilometres east of Lockerbie, in Northumberland, England's northernmost county.

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### Mid-air sex 'not kosher'

TEL AVIV (R) — The chief rabbi of Tiberias has revoked the kosher food licence of a hotel for allowing a naked couple to have sex in a helicopter hovering above its pool during a New Year party, the Jerusalem Post said Sunday. The newspaper said the 20-minute live aerial sex act, the main attraction of the sold-out party at the Tiberias club hotel, was watched by guests from their bedrooms. Chief rabbi David Peretz said the hotel had sinned and did not deserve a license to serve Jewish Kosher food. "The directors of the hotel are completely nuts," Tiberias Mayor Yigal Bibi was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

### Airline ejects Zsa Zsa Gabor

ATLANTA (R) — Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor was ejected from a Delta Air Lines jet at Atlanta airport after refusing to cage her two Shih Tzu dogs — Genghis Kahn and Macbo Man — in flight, an airline spokesman said Friday. Delta spokesman Bill Berry said Gabor refused six separate requests to confine the dogs to their cages during a flight Thursday night. She finally stepped off the plane at Atlanta's Hartsfield international airport when a policeman was summoned. Gabor was ejected from the Delta flight on its scheduled Atlanta, Georgia, stop en route from Los Angeles to her home in Palm Beach, Florida. She later continued on an Eastern Airlines flight. Berry said Delta ordinarily requires pets to be shipped in the pressurised baggage compartments of Delta jets. But the actress had received special permission to carry the small dogs in special kennels which fit under an airline seat. "She had one of the dogs with her in first class and she had a maid with her who had the other dog in the coach section," Berry said. He said both dogs were let loose and allowed to run through the cabin of the plane. When a flight attendant asked Gabor to return the dogs to their cages, "she was quite abusive language-wise," Berry said.

### Drug prevents ulcers for some arthritis medicine users

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced approval Tuesday of a new prescription drug it said can prevent stomach ulcers that afflict some of the millions of people who take medicine for arthritis. To be marketed under the trade name Cytotec by G.D. Seearle the drug — Misoprostol — is to be labelled for use in patients at high risk for developing complications of stomach ulcers while on arthritis drugs. That would include the elderly and patients of any age with other serious illness.

In those high-risk patients, the FDA said, the ulcers may not cause pain and as a result go undetected until they have caused bleeding or other serious consequences. The FDA said there are an estimated 200,000 cases of gastrointestinal bleeding each year — resulting in 10,000 to 20,000 deaths — due to the 68 million prescriptions of non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs called NSAIDS used for arthritis.

Among the most commonly used medicines in that category are high-dose Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Piroxicam and Naproxen.

### Johnson, Griffith re-marrying

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Miami Vice" star Don Johnson and his ex-wife, actress Melanie Griffith, plan to re-marry, Johnson's publicist said Monday. "No date has been set," Elliot Mintz said in a statement by telephone from Aspen, Colorado. He wouldn't disclose where the wedding will be or where the couple is spending the holidays. "Both Don and Melanie wish to enjoy this very special time together," Mintz said. "In order to provide a sense of dignity and privacy, there will be no press conference, photo opportunities, interviews or further statement," Mintz said. Griffith, 31, star of the current hit movie "Working Girl," was married briefly to the then-billed-for-known Johnson when she was a teen-ager. She is the daughter of actress Tippi Hedren. She later married, then divorced, actor Steven Bauer, and they have son Alexander, 3½-year-old. Johnson recently was romantically involved with entertainer Barbara Streisand, and the two sang together on the top 10 adult contemporary hit "Till I loved you." Johnson, 39, has a 5-year-old son from his relationship with Patti D'Arbanville. Johnson plays the scruffy vice cop Sonny Crockett on the U.S. television NBC network series.

## Central America summit still on despite delays

MANAGUA (AP) — President Daniel Ortega says the Central American Summit scheduled for this month will take place as scheduled despite Costa Rican President Oscar Arias' proposal to postpone the meeting.

Arias' proposal to postpone the meeting until after U.S. President-elect George Bush has a chance to formulate his policy in the region "is under consultation and the meeting definitely has not been suspended," Ortega said Saturday.

Ortega said President Jose Napoleon Duarte of El Salvador, who is hosting the planned summit, was asking other Central American leaders what they thought of Arias' proposal. But he added, "I'm still preparing for the meeting."

In making his proposal Friday, Arias said he and the Presidents of Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador need more time to prepare for the summit meeting in San Salvador.

The presidents had planned to talk about how to revive the peace plan they signed in 1987. Although some progress had been made, the plan now is stalled in the countries to which it applied — El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Honduran and Guatemalan officials said they still plan to attend the meeting.

**Drug barons outgun, outman and outspend forces of law**

MEXICO CITY (R) — By normal business standards, Latin America's multi-billion drug trade should be in deep trouble.

Shipments of cocaine worth far in excess of one billion dollars were lost through seizures in 1988. Top executives of the trade are in jail. Trusted bankers have been arrested for money-laundering. Even Switzerland's status as a safe haven for profits is in doubt.

Rival organisations in the Colombian cities of Medellin and Cali have begun killing each other in murderous competition for the lucrative New York cocaine market. Colombian officials report. They put the death toll at more than 150 this year.

"By rights, the (drug) business should be in trouble," said a South American narcotics expert recently. "It suffered terrible blows this year.

Anti-drug forces won important battles, but the outlaws are still winning the war."

U.S. officials paint an equally gloomy picture.

"We are being outgunned, outmanned and outspent... by international criminal organisations," Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Affairs Ann Wrobleski told Reuters in an interview in Washington a few months ago.

For the forces of law and order, important 1988 victories ranged from a succession of seizures, each breaking the previous world record, to the capture of Bolivia's Roberto Suarez, reputed to be the world's biggest grower of Coca leaf — the raw material for cocaine.

Carlos Lehder, the most flamboyant of the Colombian drug lords, was sentenced to life plus 135 years by a Florida court in July for moving ton-

nes of cocaine into the U.S. In